

### Remarks

Applicant encloses herewith a complete set of drawings for this application..

The specification was objected to. Page 5, paragraph [0024] has been corrected and antecedent basis has been provided for the claimed subject matter.

Claims 1 to 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, The specification has been amended to support the claims. No new matter has been introduced. All of the changes to the claims are described in the specification and are shown in the drawings.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 9, and 11 to 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Neppell in view of Koecher. Claim 2 was indicated as being allowable and Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2. Therefore, Claim 1 and all the claims that depend from Claim 1 should also now be allowable over these references. Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Neppell and Koecher further in view of Ulrich. Claim 7 now depends from amended Claim 1 and therefore should be allowable.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Neppell and Koecher further in view of Cheng. Claim 8 depends from amended Claim 1 and therefore should be allowable.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Neppell and Koecher further in view of Applicant's specification. Claim 10 depends from amended

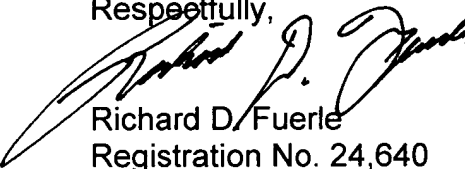
Claim 1 and therefore should be allowable

Claims 15 to 29 were indicated as being allowable if the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112 were overcome. Those rejections are now believed to be overcome.

Claims 2, 4, and 5 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and if the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112 were overcome. The claims now depend from amended Claim 1, which incorporates the subject matter of allowable Claim 2, and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 are now believed to be overcome.

As all of the objections and rejections are now believed to be overcome, reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1 and 3 to 20 are requested. The Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at 716-774-0091 to resolve any remaining problems.

Respectfully,



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